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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1498

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ducheny
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Cedillo, and Honda)**

February 26, 1999

An act to ~~amend Section 8765 of, and to add Sections 8760.1 and 8760.2 to, the Education Code,~~ relating to school instruction.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1498, as amended, Ducheny. Outdoor science programs.

Existing law authorizes the governing board of any school district or a county superintendent of schools to conduct an outdoor science education and conservation education program or class.

The bill would ~~encourage school districts and county offices of education to include certain program components in outdoor science education and conservation education programs or classes. It would~~ establish eligibility criteria for a residential outdoor science program and would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to apportion, subject to appropriation of funds for that purpose, to each school district or county office of education that operates a residential

program, an amount of \$10 ~~per pupil~~ per eligible participating pupil per day of participation.

~~Existing law relating to the operation of outdoor science education and conservation education programs or classes permits, with certain exceptions, a superintendent of schools to perform related duties authorized to be performed by a governing board of a school district.~~

~~This bill would delete the exceptions, and would authorize the superintendent operating those programs to perform all of the related duties.~~

This bill would declare that its purpose is to implement the Budget Act of 1999.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 8760.1 is added to the Education~~
- 2 ~~Code, to read:~~
- 3 ~~8760.1. School districts and county offices of education~~
- 4 ~~operating residential outdoor science programs or classes~~
- 5 ~~are encouraged to include, to the extent possible, all of the~~
- 6 ~~following program goals:~~
- 7 ~~(a) The program should be an extension of, and~~
- 8 ~~integrated with, the student's ongoing classroom~~
- 9 ~~instruction.~~
- 10 ~~(b) The program should provide for pre and post~~
- 11 ~~outdoor school classroom lessons and activities.~~
- 12 ~~(c) The program should be aligned with the California~~
- 13 ~~Department of Education State Science Frameworks,~~
- 14 ~~and should be compatible with other state curriculum~~
- 15 ~~standards and frameworks.~~
- 16 ~~(d) The program should occur at a site where a variety~~
- 17 ~~of environmental phenomena may be observed and~~
- 18 ~~studied first hand.~~
- 19 ~~(e) The program should be designed to strengthen~~
- 20 ~~citizenship, social and character development, and self~~
- 21 ~~responsibility of the pupil.~~
- 22 ~~(f) The program should be experimental and~~
- 23 ~~cross-curricular.~~

1 ~~(g) The program's ongoing assessment should involve~~
2 ~~the pupils, parents and staff of the client schools.~~

3 ~~(h) The program should be actively inclusive of all~~
4 ~~pupil populations.~~

5 ~~SEC. 2. Section 8760.2 is added to the Education~~
6 ~~Code, to read:~~

7 ~~8760.2.—~~

8 *SECTION 1.* (a) A residential outdoor science
9 program shall be eligible for funding pursuant to this
10 ~~section act~~ if it meets both of the following conditions:

11 (1) It is operated by a school district or county office
12 of education pursuant to ~~this article~~ *Article 5*
13 *(commencing with Section 8760) of Chapter 4 of Part 6*
14 *of the Education Code.*

15 (2) It meets the standards of the Residential Outdoor
16 Science School (ROSS) Guide and maintains current
17 California Department of Education ROSS certification.

18 (b) An eligible residential outdoor science program
19 may claim apportionment for any pupil who meets all of
20 the following conditions:

21 (1) The pupil is enrolled in a California public school.

22 (2) The pupil is enrolled in the fifth or sixth grade.

23 (3) The applicant has not previously received funding
24 for the pupil pursuant to this ~~section act~~.

25 (4) The pupil participates in a minimum four day and
26 three night program.

27 (5) The pupil is economically disadvantaged and
28 meets the criteria of Section 49552 *of the Education Code.*

29 (c) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall,
30 subject to appropriation of funds for this purpose,
31 apportion to each school district or county office of
32 education that operates a residential outdoor science
33 program pursuant to ~~this article~~ *Article 5 (commencing*
34 *with Section 8760) of Chapter 4 of Part 6 of the Education*
35 *Code* an amount equal to ten dollars (\$10), per eligible
36 participating pupil multiplied by the total number of days
37 of participation, up to a maximum of five days.

38 ~~SEC. 3. Section 8765 of the Education Code is~~
39 ~~amended to read:~~

1 ~~8765. Except as otherwise provided, all of the powers~~
2 ~~and duties authorized for governing boards of school~~
3 ~~districts by this article are powers and duties of the county~~
4 ~~superintendent of schools whenever, pursuant to this~~
5 ~~article, he or she provides programs and classes in outdoor~~
6 ~~science education and conservation education.~~

7 ~~(d) The purpose of this act is to implement the Budget~~
8 ~~Act of 1999.~~

